



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL FOR PUBLIC OPINION/IDEAS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMART CITY INITIATIVE

As part of Government Reform Initiatives, the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) agreed to undertake an initiative to facilitate the development of a Smart City in Malawi. Making a city “smart” is emerging as a strategy to mitigate the problems mainly generated by the growing urban population and rapid urbanization. Smart City interconnects human and social capital and ICT infrastructure in order to address the public pressures. Through this interconnection, a sustainable development is achieved and the quality of life for citizens is improved. Smart Cities rely on, among others, a collection of smart ICT technologies and solutions that are applied to critical infrastructure components and services.

The development of Smart Cities requires a multi stakeholder approach and MACRA intends to facilitate this initiative through City Councils, the Ministry of ICT and Civic Education, Ministry of Tourism, telecommunication operators (fixed and mobile operators and ISPs) and city communities in the country. The first phase of the initiative will target Blantyre City.

In order to make the initiative encompassing, MACRA, in liaison with the Council intends to engage the public to solicit opinion or ideas on possible local solutions to be used in the development of the Smart City initiatives.

For the purpose of this call, MACRA and the Council will consider proposals or opinion in the following areas:

- Broadband connectivity through creation of Wi-Fi zones in identified recreation areas, parks, streets, hospitals, ICT innovation and tech hubs
- E-waste management
- E-health services
- E-transport systems

- E-education
- Security management, and
- Enhancing revenue collection for city councils, among others.

MACRA and the Blantyre City Council welcome contribution from both private and public organizations, institutions and individuals in Malawi.

Ideas or opinions can be submitted through the address below clearly marked ‘**Smart City Initiatives**’ by 15th August, 2016.

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